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Applicant: William F. AFTOORA

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For: LIQUEFIED WATER SOLUBLE ACIDITY-REDUCING FORMULATION FOR FOOD AND BEVERAGE PRODUCTS

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby respectfully responds to the Office Action mailed March 11, 2003.

IN THE CLAIMS

The below listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A liquefied soluble acidity reducing formulation comprising an edible bicarbonate, a soluble binder, water and ~~optionally~~ a preservative, wherein the formulation ~~substantially~~ excludes acidulent components.

2. (Original) The liquefied soluble acidity reducing formulation, according to claim 1, wherein the edible bicarbonate is selected from the group consisting of sodium bicarbonate, calcium bicarbonate and potassium bicarbonate.